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ROYAL ARCH PURPLE MARK,
TO BE OBSERVED IN PRIVATE LODGES
OF THE
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ROYAL ARCH PURPLE MARK.

Rules and Regulations of the Lodge-Room.

No Royal Arch Purple Lodge shall be opened unless there be at least one proper arch erected in the Lodge-room.

No business shall be transacted except the Lodge be properly tiled, and a prescribed quorum be present.

All the lights shall be triple lights, that is three lights together, wherever lights are required in any part of the room.

The Master's chair shall be placed directly in front of, or as near as possible to the Royal Arch, and a seat for the Chaplain shall be placed on the Master's right hand.

The articles to be used in initiating a member to this order shall be * * * * *, all of which shall be prepared before the opening of the Lodge.

TYLERS.

There shall be two Tylers, one on the outside, and one on the inside of the Lodge.

The duty of the Outside Tyler shall be to guard the Lodge-room door, and to prevent any person or persons from loitering about or near the Lodge-room door. He shall examine every brother who shall present himself for admittance. He shall admit no person who has not the Annual Password for the current year; he shall also require the Entrance Password of the Royal Arch, and be satisfied that the Brother seeking admittance has received the Royal Arch degree. He shall answer to, and assist the Inside Tyler, when required.

The Inside Tyler shall answer to and assist the Outside Tyler when required. He shall examine all parts of the Lodge-room, and report to the Master that the business of the Lodge may be proceeded with in safety. He shall not allow any Brother to leave the Lodge-room without a password (communicated by the Deputy Master) emanating from the Master.

THE CONDUCT AND APPEARANCE OF THE BRETHREN.

The mysteries and solemnity of this degree require that the utmost respect, order and decorum be observed by all the Brethren. No Brother shall be admitted into the Lodge-room in a slovenly or unbecoming dress, nor without the decoration appertaining to the Order. Every Brother shall keep in his place, and shall not leave it on any pretence whatever, without express directions from the Master, through the proper officer, to do so. No Brother shall indulge in any kind of levity; nor shall he meddle in any manner with the form of Initiation

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unless specially ordered by the Master, through the proper officer, to do so, under pain of immediate expulsion from the Lodge-room.

OPENING OF THE LODGE.

The Brethren being seated in their places, and all strictly silent, the Master shall ascertain if all present are Royal Arch Purple Marksmen, and shall give charge to the Tylers and Brethren.

The Chaplain shall then read the following portion of Scripture :

Now, we command you, Brethren, by the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every Brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the traditions which he received of us. For yourselves, know how you ought to follow us, for we have behaved not ourselves disorderly among you, neither did we eat any man's bread for nought ; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you.—*II Thes., c. iii., v. 6, 8.*

The Brethren shall then rise and form the double arch ; and the Chaplain shall read the following prayer :

GRACIOUS AND ALMIGHTY GOD ! Thou who didst raise a wall of waters around Thy servants, the children of Israel, on their right hand and on their left, and who didst save them from the power of Pharaoh, and the perils of the Red Sea : by whose divine permission in aftertimes our liberties have been secured, and our most holy Religion preserved, continue unto us Thy Almighty favour : May Thy heavenly love be the arch of our protection, and the increase of Thy Spirit amongst us the special mark of our seal and covenant with Thee. These, with all other needful blessings, we humbly beg, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

The Master shall then say :

I now declare this Royal Arch Purple Lodge open in due form, strictly prohibiting any language or conduct that may tend to disturb the harmony of the brethren.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The Brethren shall then resume their seats and the business of the Lodge shall proceed in the following order :

The Lecture to be repeated.

Minutes of former Meeting read.

Members to be advanced.

Public business connected with the principles, honour or prosperity of the Institution, discussed.

Lecture repeated.

Lodge closed with Prayer.

RITUAL OF INTRODUCTION.

The preparation of the Candidate is to take place in a room adjoining the Lodge-room, and being properly prepared, the Candidate is to be conducted between two Brethren appointed for the purpose, to the Lodge-room door, and on his approach the Tyler is to make the formal announcement, which will be responded to, and the proper challenge given. The Inside Tyler making the proper inquiries, and receiving satisfactory answers, shall announce to the Master that two Brethren, with a worthy friend, seek admission. The Master shall then direct them to be admitted.

The Candidate being introduced, the Receiver shall give him ... (p.)

The Receiver shall then say :

What feellest thou ?

Answer— . . . (p.)

[The meaning is here to be explained.]

The Candidate being ordered to kneel on his right knee, and repeat the Lord's Prayer.

The Chaplain shall then read the following portions of Scripture :

Moreover, thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine-twined linen, and Blue, and Purple, and Scarlet, and thou shalt make loops of Blue upon the edge of one curtain, from the selvege in the coupling, and thou shalt make a hanging for the door of the tent, of Blue, of Purple, and of Scarlet, and of fine-twined linen.—*Ex.* 26 c.

Lord, I cry unto Thee.: make haste unto me, give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto Thee, let my prayer be set before Thee as incense ; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth ; keep the door of my lips. Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity ; and let me not eat of their dainties. Let the righteous smite me, it shall be a kindness ; and let him reprove me, it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head : for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities. When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words, for they are sweet. Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth. But mine eyes are unto Thee, O God the Lord ; in Thee is my trust, leave not my soul destitute. Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity. Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.—*Psalms.*

The Candidate is now to be led three times on his journey, bearing his scrip and staff—gets . . . (f's,) which are explained to him : he is then led to the M. H., which, having ascended, the number of steps are explained to him till he comes to the R. with three solemn steps. The last one coming into the centre of the R. (dry) where he shall remain until further orders.

The Chaplain then reads :

And it came to pass, when the people were removed from their tents to pass over Jordan, and the Priests bearing the Ark of the Covenant before the people, and as they that bare the Ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the Priests that bare the Ark were dipped in the brim of the water ; that the waters, which came down from above stood, and rose up upon a heap; and the people passed over, right against Jericho. And the Priests that bare the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord, stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan.—*Joshua*, 3 c.

The Candidate shall then take out of the R. with both his hands, the Chaplain reading as follows :

And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, and the Lord spake unto Joshua, saying, take you twelve men out of the people ; out of every tribe a man, and command you them, saying ; take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the Priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging-place where you shall lodge for the night. That these may be a sign among you, and these stones shall be a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.—*Joshua*, ch. 4.

The Candidate shall then be conducted under the Arch to the Master, where kneeling he shall receive the Obligation.

Obligation of the Royal Arch Purple Mark.

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely Promise and Swear, in the presence of Almighty God, and of this Worshipful Lodge, erected to God and dedicated to Joshua, that I will always conceal the whole and every part of the Secrets of a Royal Arch Purple Marksman ; that I will not Write them, Print, Stamp, Stain, Cut, Hew, Carve, or Engrave them, or any part of them, on any substance whatever, nor cause them to be done, so that they may become Legible or Intelligible, without due authority—not even to a Brother of the Royal Arch Purple Order, except after strict trial and due examination. I do further swear, that I will never Marry a Roman Catholic or Papist, nor Educate, nor suffer to be Educated my Children

in that Faith, or in any Roman Catholic Institution. I do further promise, that I will answer all regular Signs, and obey all regular Summonses, if in my power. I do solemnly promise to keep the Secrets of a Royal Arch Purple Marksman, given to me as such, (except they may be contrary to the Law of the Land ;) that I will not Wrong or Injure any Royal Arch Purpleman, nor know him to be Wronged or Injured, without giving him timely notice thereof, and preventing it, if in my power. I do solemnly promise that I will not know a Royal Arch Purple Marksman to be in Want, Hardship or Distress, (which has not been brought upon him by his own misconduct,) without rendering him such reasonable relief and assistance as may be in my power, without injury to myself or family. I do further promise, that I will not unlawfully have any Carnal knowledge of a Brother's Wife, Sister, Daughter or Mother, knowing them to be such. I do solemnly promise that I will not Initiate, nor be present at the Initiation of any Candidate into the dignity of a Royal Arch Purple Marksman, except there be present at least a quorum of the Royal Arch Purple Order, nor will I Initiate, nor be present at the Initiation of any Candidate into the dignity of the said Order, without his first having paid the prescribed fee, current money of this Province. Lastly, I swear that I will use all my influence to promote Fellowship and Brotherly Love amongst my Brethren generally; and that I will abide by a decision of a majority of them, upon all business connected with the affairs of the Lodge:—And all this I do Solemnly Promise, Testify and Declare, in the plain words by me spoken—and without any Hesitation, Secret Evasion, or Mental Reservation whatever.—*So help me God, and keep me Steadfast in this my Royal Arch Marksman's Obligation.*

After the Candidate has taken the Obligation, and before rising, he goes through the ceremony of the Mark, which is to be inflicted on the L.B.

The Candidate shall then be taken and led up . . . the Chaplain reading the following portions of Scripture :

And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went towards Haran, and he tarried there all night, because the sun was set, and he took of the stones of that place, and he put them for his pillow and lay down in that place to sleep, and he dreamed and beheld a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven, and behold the Angels of God ascending and descending on it.

Here give him the . . . (T's) : the Candidate being left * * * whilst the following is read :

And behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac, the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed. And behold I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and I will bring thee again into this land : for I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.—*Gen.*, ch. 28.

The Candidate shall then be * * * and led under the Arch, and placed against the [W.,] where the Chaplain shall read the following Psalm.

I cried unto the Lord with my voice ; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication, I poured out my complaint before him ; I shewed before Him my trouble. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me ; I looked on my right hand and beheld, but there was no man that would know me ; refuge failed me, no man cared for my soul, I cried unto Thee, O Lord : I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living, attend to my cry ; for I am brought very low ; deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy name ; the righteous shall compass me about, for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

The Candidate shall then receive the penalties of the Order. He shall then be shown the Lights, which shall be explained to him, and from thence led under the arch again to the Master.

The Signs and Passwords shall be here communicated, and the Brother invested with the decorations of the order, which shall consist of an Orange Collar, with Rosettes of Orange, Purple, Blue and Royal Purple.

After which the Master shall deliver the following

CHARGE.

BROTHER,—You have been now admitted, after strict trial, to this exalted Degree. It must have proved to you many facts, which, if duly thought of, may tend to inform your mind, and to render less obdurate the propensity inherent in man, to sin. Reflect, and you will see, that man is not regarded by Orangemen on account of his worldly wealth ; it is the wealth of the soul that we prize, not that which when we perish can avail nothing. Reflect, and you will have good cause to remember how much it has become your duty to render assistance to a Brother in distress. Reflect, and you will find that much of your duty is enforced upon you

by implication, which a clear mind, seeking for justice, will at once discover.

Remember, then, your duty and your obligations, and also how fatal and dark will be your plunge, from this to eternal death, should you neglect them. Remember, also, that it is only by obedience to the Great Father in Heaven you can expect to pass from the darkness of this world to the light of everlasting life, and that prayer, and the practice of all that is good, together with a strong reliance upon your Saviour, can alone lead to this. Remember, too, that you prayed as being under the canopy of Heaven, therefore take heed and recall to your mind the solemn hour of death, the awful one of judgment, and lastly, eternity.

A lesson has been taught you how these may be overcome; and if you hope to gain eternal life, I warn you that it is essential that you have faith; for no one can, in his weakness and sinfulness, expect to be perfect. If, therefore, you hope for the charitable aid and intercession of our Saviour, do you extend CHARITY to others.

In every way you are taught to avoid sin. Even when least expected, the serpent may be in your path. I therefore entreat you, as you hope for salvation hereafter, that you do not omit any occasion which you may find opportunities to fulfil the vows you have now made.

The Lodge shall be closed by the Master, with the Lord's Prayer—the Brethren kneeling on the right knee.

OUR FATHER which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

The Master shall then say:

I now declare this Royal Arch Lodge closed in due form.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.